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SUBJECT: SOVIET CSCE EXPERT COMMENTS ON DISTURBANCES IN EASTERN
EUROPE

REF: STOCKHOLM 415 (NOTAL)

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER ON JANUARY 27,
SWEDISH MFA OFFICIAL HANDLING CSCE AFFAIRS, KERSTIN ASP,
SAID THAT DURING SOVIET CSCE EXPERT MENDELEVITCH'S
VISIT TO STOCKHOLM TO DISCUSS THE BELGRADE MEETING
(REFTEL), SWEDES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE
IMPACT OF RECENT DISTURBANCES IN POLAND AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON BELGRADE, AND ASKED MENDELEVITCH
FOR HIS REACTION. INITIALLY HE REPLIED THAT THESE ARE
INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITH COMPLICATED BACKGROUNDS WHICH
NO OUTSIDE COUNTRY CAN SOLVE.

2. LATER HOWEVER, ASP SAID, MENDELEVITCH INFORMALLY
ADMITTED THAT HE SHARED GOS CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE
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EFFECTS OF RECENT EVENTS ON THE BELGRADE TALKS, AND SAID
THAT THE DISTURBANCES "MIGHT HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES"
FOR THE MEETING. MENDELEVITCH ALSO STATED THAT,
BECAUSE OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH
HIS CSCE WORK, HE AS WELL AS ANYONE ON THE SOVIET SIDE
UNDERSTANDS WESTERN FEELING, AND HOW MEDIA COVERAGE CAN
AFFECT PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS AND OPINION, THUS GENERATING

INCREASED PRESSURE ON WESTERN GOVERNMENTS.

3. ASP POINTED OUT TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT GOS GOAL IS TO AVOID EXCESSIVE CONFRONTATION AND POLEMICS AT BELGRADE. SHE ADDED THAT FEELING EXISTS THAT GOS MAY BE PUSHED BY PUBLIC OPINION, IF CONDITIONS WORSEN, TO TAKE A MORE AGGRESSIVE STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS BELGRADE THAN IT HAD PLANNED.

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